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STANDING FOR RIGHT

It is gratifying to record the action taken against racial discrimination by two large national Christian organizations. The Young Women's Christian Association was to have held its convention in Portland, Oregon. It changed its place of meeting because the hotels of Portland would not consent to accommodate the colored delegates to the convention. The refusal to bow to racial prejudice by the Y. W. C. A. was the right and consistent thing for that influential body of Christian women to do. They honored themselves and their cause by their righteous stand.

Following close upon this comes the action of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches at their recent meeting in Cleveland, where they unanimously passed a resolution urging all church organizations in selecting their places for their meetings to insist that "provision be made for delegates of other than the white race and that every precaution be taken to protect such brethren against embarrassment from any form of social discrimination."

If the powerful Christian and religious organizations of the United States will continue to act consistently with their profession it will not be many years before the irritation and embarrassment which results from racial prejudice will be virtually negligible.

It is because of the loud professions and little deeds of those who profess to follow the Master that racial and religious prejudices are so widely prevalent.

THE THING THAT COUNTS

There is a good deal of day dreaming and airy castle building by most of us. We sigh for greater opportunities and imagine what wonderful things

we would do if we only had different material or better chances. But as a matter of fact, the thing that counts is what we do with the chance we have. What use are we making of our present opportunities, meager though they may be? What kind of a structure are we rearing with the material we have at hand. Remember that it is the use we make of what we have that counts. It's what we do with the chance that counts.

GETTING INTO THE GAME

We are glad to note that in every section of the country our people are getting into the political game by filing for office. It is the right thing to do. Properly qualified people of our race are the ones that should file, and invite the support of the electorate in their respective localities.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

WHITE AND COLORED PAPERS

The greatest difference between the white and colored newspaper press, is that the white press prints the news that is of interest to its great majority of white readers. The majority of these readers are not particularly interested in what colored people of culture and worth are doing. They are mildly interested in important things done by their own, the white race. Their main interest seems to lie in crime and scandal of all tints and perhaps in social activities to some degree. Anything pertaining to these subjects will "sell white papers like hot cakes." If, in addition to the average news item on a crime, a Negro is in some way implicated, the paper sells faster. Hence white papers are known to have frequently featured in bold headlines, crime news implicating Negroes, when as a matter of fact, Negroes were not guilty.

On the other hand, the colored newspaper is the only medium through which the Negro race can

speak to the world and tell unstintingly of its achievements. Negro newspapers inform the public, black and white alike of the merit and worth, not always alone of colored people, but as often of white. Therefore, the good standard Negro newspaper, is the ideal newspaper, for it strives to be very broad in recording the deeds, more particularly the good ones, of both the colored and white races.

Every colored person and a great many whites know it to be a fact that without the colored newspaper, the colored race would not be as highly respected and appreciated as is generally, for the colored newspaper has conscientiously, consistently, and devotedly recorded the Negro's activities, the important events in his life; his achievements are heralded on the front page and when he dies, it is the Negro newspaper that tells the public what a worthy citizen has passed.

In its true and proper light, the Negro press is a great blessing to white and black. We sometimes doubt, however, if they realize it for such little appreciation is shown where a whole lot is deserved and desired.—The Portland Advocate.

REAPING

Lynching is an abomination to the nation. It is a blot and curse to our civilization. It cures no evil, redresses no wrong. It is never justifiable. It is more harmful to the living than to the dead.

From DeQuincy, La., December 29, 1927, there comes the story of a small group of white boys who sought to amuse themselves by engaging in the pastime of lynching one of their number "like they do niggers." A rope was suspended from a tree, and this was placed around the neck of Garland Gillis, jr., age 10, "like they do a nigger," and the boy was pulled off the ground.

The boys did not appreciate the seriousness of their action. The inability of their youthful companion to speak alarmed them. When young Gillis was taken from the tree he was dead, and the "excited mothers" screamed and fainted.

"The dice of God are always loaded."—Star of Zion.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

The Utopian Art club was entertained by Mrs. E. J. Griffin at her home last Thursday. A profitable meeting was held.

Robert Henry Hughes Consistory No. 32 held a meeting in the Masonic hall Saturday night, and the following named were given the Scottish Rite degrees: Messrs. Charles Scott, Beatrice; J. L. Morrison, Fairbury; T. E. Mason, Nehawka; L. J. Gordon, R. G. Houston, Joe Burden, of Lincoln.

The young folks' dance at Masonic hall Friday night was well attended.

Mrs. Donald Stith is reported improving at this time.

The Lincoln branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held a rousing meeting in Mount Zion Baptist church, Sunday afternoon, and rendered an interesting program, which was as follows: Singing, Negro anthem by the audience; Invocation, Rev. S. H. Johnson of Newman M. E.; Duet by Miss Evelyn Johnson and Mr. H. R. Miller; Address by Mrs. H. W. Botts, late of St. Joseph, Mo., followed by the speaker of the day, Attorney H. J. Pinkett of Omaha, who well gain-

ed the attention of his hearers, who gave vent by applause. He told his hearers why they should support the N. A. A. C. P., and that students who are attending colleges today ought to ever be on the alert for they know not when a crisis may befall them.

Attorney H. J. Pinkett of Omaha spent Sunday in the city, guest of his sister, Mrs. L. J. Gordon, and her husband. He worshipped at the Mount Zion Baptist church.

Mr. George B. Evans was reported on the sick list this week.

DIVISIONAL CONVENTION A DECIDED SUCCESS

Roosevelt Post Is Highly Honored by Election of Killingsworth as Vice Commander of Douglas County

Never before in the history of Legion activities has there ever been staged such a successful and gala affair as that of the divisional convention held February 6th, at the Elks' club, Eighteenth and Dodge streets.

Roosevelt Post No. 30 was ably represented by the following delegates and alternates: Dr. W. W. Peebles, L. C. Broomfield, Dr. J. A. Singleton, Dr. A. A. Foster, Paul Holliday, Metz Manion, F. D. Garrett, Dr. Wesley Jones, Clarence Gordon and E. W. McCowan. Commander E. W. Killingsworth was elected vice commander of Douglas county; Nels Johnson of Valley, was elected commander of the second district, of the department of Nebraska. Adjutant R. L. Williams made a very impressive brief talk on the "Status of the Legion," and was successful in putting it over in truly "big town" fashion. Dr. W. W. Peebles merits commendable mention, because of the strategic manner in which he gained certain objectives of vital importance to our group.

The delegates passed a resolution recommending that each post in the district pass a set of resolutions, urging that national defense be maintained at a standard which will adequately insure peace for this nation.

Important reports were made by Jean B. Cain, state commander; C. W. Conklin, state adjutant; Rev. Irvin Askine, state chaplain; Sam Reynolds, national committeeman; Leo Bozell, chairman of state rehabilitation committee; H. H. Dudley, adjutant of the Omaha post, reported on plans for the national convention to be held at San Antonio, October 6th. Clinton Brome spoke on national defense

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and Col. Robert B. Douglas, chairman of the state legion emergency relief fund, explained the details and functions of his department.

After adjournment, a sumptuous banquet was served for the 80 delegates in one of the spacious dining rooms at the beautiful Elks' club, followed by a theatre party at the Gay-

ety. The carefree abandon and spirit of comradeship prevailed throughout the evening so obviously that one could readily feel the strengthening bonds of friendship, unity of purpose and service. For the information of the community in general: "In peace, as in war—we serve."

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11 a. m. Sung Eucharist With Sermon
8 p. m. Service and Sermon

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